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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Timothy S. Corder on 5/5/2010. The amendment is made to correct the dependency of claims 29 and 31, which may not properly depend from claim 8 (directed to making of product by wet spinning) because claims 29 and 31 have deleted the fiber embodiment in the amendment filed 4/26/2010. Additionally, the Examiner's amendment has corrected minor formal matters.

In the claims:

In claim 7, line 5, delete the period at the end of the line.

In claim 29, line 1, delete "or 8".

In claim 30, add a period at the end of line 2.

In claim 31, line 1, delete "or 8".

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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